

Brookline 12th Mo. 1st 1837.

My dear Anna

Thy kind letter reached me on 3^d day last and altho' I feel very incapable of writing any thing that will interest thee save an account of Angelina's health I feel as if ~~that was due~~ to thee. She has been reduced to great weakness by the fever, but that is now entirely subdued & I think she is recruiting as fast as I could reasonably expect. She has not yet been down stairs, Her illness has been a very comfortable one no pain scarcely & a calm unruffled mind. She has greatly enjoyed the quiet & retirement consequent on her indisposition. I do not know how I might regard severe illness, but I do not think ordinary sickness a great calamity. We do not contemplate being withdrawn from the A. S. cause even if we cannot lecture this winter. I do not suppose I can, I feel that my vital energies are greatly taxed by speaking & my throat is sore more than half the time. How it may be with Angelina I cannot say, but hope she will allow herself & be allowed by her friends to recover entirely before she is requested to lecture again. She needs retraining, far more than urging. At present it is entirely out of the question for her to write in the Album we hope you will excuse us dear Anna for really we feel an objection to writing in a book that is to be sold & to say the truth my mind is too much worn out to put ideas together fit for an Album.

We are desirous of seeing your Report & anticipate satisfacti-

on in reading it. I suppose it will be out soon—

I have indeed mourned that brother Lovejoy died in the transgression of Christ's commands "Resist not evil" in defiance of that injunction "Thou shalt not kill" I can see no difference between his guilt & that of the slave-holder— I cannot perceive that the one is a man-stealer & the other is not a murderer— If Jehovah fenced the liberty of man about with a penalty ~~so~~ great as the loss of life, surely he has not less sacredly guarded the life of this immortal, accountable being. Brother L. studied his Bible, he knew what abolitionists had done under similar circumstances— he should have exhibited in the midst of a crooked & perverse generation the meekness the forbearance of Jesus. With the amount of his guilt I have nothing to do, any more than with the degree of guilt which attaches to a slave holder, who in all other respects as far as I can judge brings forth the fruits of righteousness. But I cannot help feeling that the man who resists evil & takes the life or even endangers the life of his enemy is as grossly violating the commandments of God as he who holds his fellow man in bondage. I judge them not I only say if the Bible is the Christian's rule of faith & practice then brother Lovejoy disobeyed God— The pouring out of his blood my dear sister will probably make abolitionists, but it will not make Christian abolitionists. The events at Alton will either produce a spasmodic popular excitement only, or they will create on both sides a thirst for more blood— I fear God will take the glorious enterprise of abolishing slavery by moral means out of our hands. We have called in the aid of Satan & the Prince of Peace can have no communion with the powers of darkness—

Our love to dear Maria, Angelina hopes next week to be able to see her friends— Please ask Maria if W. S. Porter sent her any of the manuscripts of my letters to let me have them, but I do not wish her to take any

trouble to get them I do not think it important. Angelina's love to thee
Shine in the gospel of Peace.

Dec. 1837
J. M. G. Minkie

About Angelina's illness
and about Lovejoy.

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